

Theatre & Dance at Wayne

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HILBERRY THEATRE HOSTS ITS FINAL PRODUCTION BEFORE TRANSITIONING INTO THE GRETCHEN VALADE JAZZ CENTER

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DETROIT – The Maggie Allesee Department of Theatre and Dance, in the College of Fine, Performing, and Communication Arts at Wayne State University is proud to present *The Merry Wives of Windsor* written by William Shakespeare, running November 11 through November 20 at the Hilberry Theatre located at 4743 Cass Ave. It is directed by guest artist Lavinia Hart, who last directed Theatre and Dance at Wayne’s production of *The Winter’s Tale* by William Shakespeare in February 2020.

Theatre and Dance at Wayne’s production of *The Merry Wives of Windsor* marks the end of an era as it will be the last play performed in the Hilberry Theatre. Wayne State honors The Hilberry’s roots by bringing the Hilberry back to its early days of performing primarily Shakespeare works. After the production, the Maggie Allesee Department of Theatre and Dance makes its transition into the new Hilberry Gateway, which opens early Winter 2023. Audiences have enjoyed more than 600 productions at the Hilberry and with the Hilberry Graduate Company.

Written by William Shakespeare, *The Merry Wives of Windsor* is a comedic romp about the boozing and boorish Sir John Falstaff (performed by Taurean Hogan, third-year M.F.A. actor), who is in Windsor, Ontario amid the height of Boblo Island Amusement Park popularity and looking to have fun. He is running out of money, and so hatches a plot to woo a wealthy wife away from her husband and steal her money. Instead of sending a love letter to just one woman, he sends identical letters to two: Mrs. Page (Jessica Annunziata, third-year M.F.A. Actor) and Mrs. Ford (Marcela Garzaro, third-year M.F.A. Actor). The women learn about Falstaff’s dishonorable intentions and set out to humiliate him appropriately.

Tickets are selling fast! Prices start at \$15 for students, \$18 for seniors and Wayne State alumni, faculty, and staff, and \$22 for adults. For neighbors to the North, Theatre and Dance at Wayne is offering \$5 USD off tickets with Canadian ID. Tickets can be purchased online at <https://theatreanddance.wayne.edu/2022-2023/merry-wives>, by phone at 313-577-2972, or in-person at the Box Office up to two hours prior to performance time.

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***The Merry Wives of Windsor* Performance schedule**

- 8:00 p.m. Friday, November 11 (opening performance)

- 2:00 p.m. Saturday, November 12
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- 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 16 (cast talk back performance)
- 7:00 p.m. Thursday, November 17
- 8:00 p.m. Friday, November 18
- 2:00 p.m. Saturday, November 19
- 8:00 p.m. Saturday, November 19
- 3:00 p.m. Sunday, November 20 (closing performance)

Wayne State University COVID-19 Policies

All visitors must present the Campus Guest Daily Screener for admittance.

Theatre and Dance at Wayne abides by Wayne State Covid protocols to ensure the safest environment for you and our community. All audience members are required to complete the Wayne State Daily Screener before attending any on campus performance. All visitors are required to be masked. Our commitment to your health and safety includes timely updates to university protocols. The guest screener can be accessed at www.go.wayne.edu/guest.

About Theatre and Dance at Wayne

Theatre and Dance at Wayne is the producing entity of the Maggie Allesee Department of Theatre and Dance, a department in the College of Fine, Performing, and Communication Arts at Wayne State University. The department offers undergraduate and graduate programs in theatre and dance, including a Bachelor of Arts in Theatre; Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theatre with an emphasis in either Performance, Design and Technology, or Stage Management; Bachelor of Science in Dance; Bachelor of Fine Arts in Dance; Master of Fine Arts in Acting, Set Design, Costume Design, Lighting Design, Stage Management, and Theatre Management; Master of Arts in Teaching Artistry; and a Master of Arts in Arts Administration. Minors are available in Africana Theatre and Dance, Theatre Design and Technology, Theatre, Theatre Management, Dance, Community and Studio Dance. Additional information on academic programs can be found at <http://theatreanddance.wayne.edu/>

About Wayne State University

Wayne State University is one of the nation's preeminent public research universities in an urban setting. Through its multidisciplinary approach to research and education, and its ongoing collaboration with government, industry and other institutions, the university seeks to enhance economic growth and improve the quality of life in the city of Detroit, state of Michigan and throughout the world. For more information about research at Wayne State University, visit <http://research.wayne.edu/>

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